

I notice.....I wonder.....

Opening prayer: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life; which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
(taken from the ELW pg. 72)

*As you listen to the reading ponder these phrases
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*The goal of this type of engagement with scripture is not to answer each person's "I notice...I wonder",
but rather to sink deeper into the scripture as you listen to one another.*

Isaiah 43:1-3a; 16-19

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

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I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert..

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Closing Prayer: God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting, fill up; that which we know, confirm, and keep us blameless in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(taken from the ELW pg. 86)*

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